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SUBJECT: MURPHY COMMISSION INQUIRY ON FOREIGN
AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS

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1. OF THE 91 INDIAN PRINCIPLE MISSIONS ABROAD, 23 ARE CURRENTLY HEADED BY "POLITICAL" APPOINTEES AND THE REMAINDER BY CAREER OFFICERS, EITHER INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OR INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE OFFICERS DETAILED TO FOREIGN SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS. OF THE 16 GRADE I (HIGHEST) OFFICERS STATIONED ABROAD, SIX ARE "POLITICAL APPOINTEES". MOST INDIAN "POLITICAL APPOINTEES" IN FACT ARE RETIRED OR "SUPERANNUATED" SENIOR CIVIL OR FOREIGN SERVICE OR MILITARY OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN REACTIVATED FOR SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS. RETIREMENT FOR INDIAN CIVIL SERVANTS IS MANDATORY AT AGE 58.

2. THE BASIC FOREIGN SERVICE RULES WHICH GOVERN APPOINTMENTS PRESCRIBE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA MAY FILL UP TO 50 PER CENT OF THE CHIEF-OF-MISSION ASSIGNMENTS FROM OUTSIDE THE CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE CADRE. THIS PROPORTION HAS NEVER BEEN REACHED.

3. "POLITICAL" ASSIGNMENTS USUALLY ARE TO MAJOR POSTS SUCH AS ROME, WASHINGTON, LONDON, PARIS, MOSCOW. POSTS WHERE SPECIAL SKILLS OR QUALIFICATIONS ARE JUDGED NECESSARY SUCH AS JIDDA, DAMASCUS, ABU DHABI, ADEN, SUVA AND TO A SCATTERING OF OTHER POSTS WHICH DO NOT FALL INTO EASILY DEFINABLE CATEGORIES SUCH AS GEORGETOWN, NAIROBI, OSLO,
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4. RECRUITMENT TO THE INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE IS BY JOINT
EXAMINATION WITH THE INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE. SUC-
CESSFUL CANDIDATES AT THE TOP OF THE LIST MAY CHOOSE THE
SERVICE THEY PREFER TO SERVE IN. ALLOCATION
BELOW THE TOP IS MADE ON THE BASIS OF THE NEEDS OF THE
TWO MAIN SERVICES BY THE UNION PUBLIC SERVICES
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